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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**SUBJECT: Space Policy**

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

2. In coordination with NASA, DOD, and PSAC, the Department of State has prepared position and talking papers for the use of the U. S. delegation at meetings of the Technical and Legal Subcommittees of the U. N. Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. The meetings will convene on 28 May in Geneva. A copy of one of the talking papers is entitled "USSR Proposal to Ban Military Reconnaissance Satellites" and is attached to this memorandum. In it, it is proposed that "the United States should indicate firmly to the Soviets that their proposal / a joint US-USSR declaration banning the use of satellites for military reconnaissance purposes / is unacceptable."

3. Informally, the Agency has recommended several minor changes in emphasis in the talking paper, i. e., wording to eliminate any implication that the U. S. is now conducting reconnaissance programs and to provide against inadvertent confirmation of this fact. At the same time, the Agency team on space policy through  discussed with Mr. Furnas at State, who is to be a member of the U. S. delegation, the importance of maintaining the position as set forth in the talking paper. Today we have also had discussions on a fully cleared basis along these same lines with Ambassadors Stevenson and Plympton and with Mr. Leonard Meeker, Deputy Legal Adviser, Department of State, who will represent the U. S. on the Legal Subcommittee at Geneva.

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NRO review(s) completed.

State Department review completed

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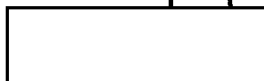
4. Having in mind the intelligence capability of the United States' program demonstrated in the satellite reconnaissance field, the space policy team recommends the Director of Central Intelligence advance as an Agency position that there will be no withdrawal from the U. S. position that the Soviet proposal is unacceptable. Furthermore, the banning of reconnaissance satellites should not even be the subject of negotiations with the Soviets in the disarmament forums as implied in paragraph 5 of the talking paper and should only be discussed, if at all, as an aid to inspection.



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*wholesalely agree*



Att.

The recommendation in paragraph 4 is approved.

*25 May 1962*

Date

*Approved (per W. Elders note attached)*

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Director

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